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SUBJ: LOS: SUBCOMMITTEE II - SECOND MEETING - MARCH 8,  
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1. SUMMARY. SC II CONSIDERED QUESTION OF NUMBER OF WORK-  
ING GROUPS WITH MOST FAVORING TWO ALTHOUGH SOME MEMBERS  
FAVORED ONE WORKING GROUP OF THE WHOLE. DISCUSSION OF  
ALLOCATION OF ITEMS WAS NOT CONCLUSIVE BUT MOST SPEAKERS  
FAVORED INCLUDING ALL RESOURCE- RELATED ITEMS IN ONE GROUP.  
NO DECISIONS TAKEN.

2. CHAIRMAN OPENED MEETING WITH LENGTHY DISCUSSION OF  
PROBLEMS OF ALLOCATION OF ITEMS, NUMBER OF WORKING GROUPS,  
ETC. PROPOSED THAT THERE BE TWO WORKING GROUPS OF 33  
MEMBERS EACH, WITH THE MEMBERSHIP ALLOCATED AMONG THE  
REGIONAL GROUPS AS DISCUSSED AT THE LAST MEETING. SUGGEST-  
ED FOLLOWING ALLOCATION OF ITEMS IF TWO GROUPS. GROUP A  
WOULD CONSIDER TERRITORIAL SEAS, CONTIGUOUS ZONE, STRAITS,  
EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE AND COASTAL STATE PREFERENTIAL  
RIGHTS ( ITEMS 2, 3, 4, 6, AND 7). GROUP B WOULD INCLUDE  
CONTINENTAL SHELF, HIGH SEAS AND ALL OTHER ITEMS ALLOCATED  
TO SUBCOMITE II. HE EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD PLACED  
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CONTENTAL SHELF IN GROUP B SO AS TO TRY TO BETTER SPREAD  
THE WORK LOAD. HE NOTED THAT HIS PROPOSAL WAS TO SET UP

TWO WORKING GROUPS NOW WHILE LEAVING OPEN THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A THIRD LATER IF NEEDED.

3. SEVERAL STATES INDICATED ACCEPTABILITY OF TWO WORKING GROUPS - MALTA, NORWAY, BULGARIA, AUSTRALIA, TURKEY, PHILIPPINES ( ON BEHALF OF ASIAN GROUP OF 20 STATES), BRAZIL, CHILE, ICELAND, USSR AND SINGAPORE. CHILE NOTED THE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING ONE WORKING GROUP THAT WOULD SPLIT INTO TWO SUB- GROUPS.

4. SOME STATES INDICATED PREFERENCE FOR ONE WORKING GROUP OF THE WHOLE WITHOUT DESIGNATED MEMBERS ( USUAL METHOD IS TO DESIGNATE 33 MEMBERS AND THEN SPECIFY THAT ANY MEMBER OF COMMITTEE MAY PARTICIPATE IF HE WISHES) - GREECE, TURKEY, EGYPT AND ICELAND.

5. ON QUESTION OF ALLOCATION OF ITEMS, SEVERAL STATES INDICATED ACCEPTABILITY OF GALINDO- POHL ALLOCATION BUT MOST WANTED TO INCLUDE CONTINENTAL SHELF ITEM WITH OTHER RESOURCE ITEMS IN GROUP A. CHILE NOTED THAT THEY WOULD ESSENTIALLY RETURN TO HIS ORIGINAL PROPOSAL OF DIVIDING ITEMS INTO THOSE CONCERNED WITH NATIONAL JURISDICTION AND THOSE CONCERNED WITH INTERNATIONAL QUESTION. SINGAPORE MADE POINT THAT ITEMS ON EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE AND PREFERENTIAL COASTAL STATE RIGHTS MUST BE IN SAME GROUP WITH ITEMS ON LAND- LOCKED, SHELF- LOCKED AND BROAD SHELF COUNTRIES' INTERESTS.

6. PERU PROPOSED THAT CONTACT GROUPS BE FORMED WITHIN EACH REGIONAL GROUP AND THAT CONTACT GROUPS THEN MEET TOGETHER TO TRY TO WORK OUT ALLOCATION ISSUE. DECISION ON PROPOSAL POSTPONED.

7. SC II WILL MEET TWICE ON FRIDAY.  
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